GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:286
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
POTA REVIEW COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central POTA Review Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) S.C. Jain, has submitted its report on Godhra train torching incidents in February 2002;

(b) if so, the main findings and conclusion arrived at; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): The Central POTA Review Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) S.C. Jain has reviewed the cases of each accused chargesheeted under the provisions of POTA in connection with Godhra train incident and submitted its opinion on 17th May, 2005.

(b): In the opinion of the Committee, the accused persons may not be tried under POTA, 2002, but, they may be tried under other laws.

(c): The Review Committee had directed the Public Prosecutor concerned to file the appropriate application under section 321 of Cr. P.C. without any delay and place the opinion of the Review Committee before the POTA Special Court. The application has accordingly been filed before the POTA Special Court.